

BOARD OF WORKS
MAY 17, 2010
4:30 PM

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting with Bob Conner and Brian Garrison present.

Bob Conner made a motion, with a second by Brian Garrison to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2010. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$215,228.32 were presented. Questions were answered about Nextel, 5Alarm, Main Street and Work Force. Brian Garrison made a motion to approve and pay the presented claims. Second was made by Bob Conner. Motion carried.

John Chapman was introduced to the Board of Works as the new Chief of Police appointed by the Mayor. Police Chief Chapman related that he had met with all the patrolmen, improve public relations and work with schools. He also wants to alleviate the overtime problem with hiring more people for a better rotation on scheduling. Brian Garrison and Bob Conner welcomed aboard Chief Chapman.

The mayor informed the board that letters in regards to unkempt properties were going out and work would begin on addressing the issue with structures needing attention.

Matthew Zook of 106 Deer Creek Drive in Delphi appeared by representation of his attorney from Stuart Branigin in regard to the permit for water and sewer tap. The structure is to become a mother-in-law residence. The permit previously given by Area Plan was revoked in October. A meeting between attorneys for

Area Plan and Mr. Zook and his attorney resulted in a permit. Work continued until a letter came from Kurtis Fouts, attorney for City of Delphi, informing that water and sewer hook-up would not be issued. The attorney representing Matthew Zook asked the following questions:

What is city's legal precedence to stop building over zoning board?

Is there an ordinance stating the city must make water available to residences and businesses? Must residences and businesses have a building permit first?

Do water and wastewater fall under guidance of Board of Works?

Does an applicant need more than a zoning permit?


What is the legal reason for a denial of this permit?

Kurtis Fouts explained that he had a letter prepared and will sign it and send it to Matthew Zook and his attorney.

Mayor Strasser advised the Board of Works to table any action until advised by legal, zoning board and City Council.

Brian Garrison made a motion to table the discussion until advice is obtained from legal counsel, zoning board and City Council. Bob Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.




Mayor Randy Strasser



Brian Garrison



Bob Conner



Leanne Aldrich
Clerk Treasurer